



2005 SENATE BILL 266

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 125.07 (3) (a) 11.; and *to create* 125.07 (3) (a) 13. of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the prohibition against underage persons entering or
3 being on any premises operating under an alcohol beverage license.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who has not reached the legal drinking age (21 years of age), and who is not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, may not enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued. Current law also provides for various exceptions to this prohibition. One exception allows an unaccompanied person who has not reached the legal drinking age to enter and remain in a dance hall attached to premises licensed to sell alcohol beverages at retail if the dance hall is separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold, there is a separate entrance to the dance hall, and no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the dance hall where the underage person is present.

This bill modifies this exception by limiting it to a person present to attend a banquet, reception, dance, or other similar event and by removing the current limitations that the dance hall be separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold, that there be a separate entrance to the dance hall, and that no alcohol beverages be furnished or consumed by any person in the dance hall where the underage person is present. The bill also expands this exception to apply to banquet or hospitality rooms at which a person is present to attend a banquet, reception, dance, or other similar event.

